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1. PERMREP SOURCES INFORM US THAT FRENCH INSISTED DURING
COREPER MEETINGS WEEK OF MAY 29 THAT EC ACCELERATED PRO-
GRESS TOWARD DEFINING A SECOND LIST OF CONDITIONAL TARIFF
WITHDRAWALS. AT THEIR INSISTENCE, AN ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE
MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN LUXEMBOURG ON JUNE 6 ON THE
MARGINS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL IN ORDER TO
EXAMINE PRODUCTS TO BE INCLUDED IN SUCH A LIST.

2. OUR SOURCES STATE THAT THE COMMISSION AND THE OTHER
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MEMBER STATES CONTINUE TO DISAGREE WITH THE URGENCY OF
THE FRENCH APPROACH. NONETHELESS, THE FRENCH CAN FALL
BACK ON THE DECISION OF THE APRIL 4 FOREIGN MINISTERS
COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A LIST AS SUPPORT FOR THEIR POSITION.
A DANISH SOURCE TELLS US THAT HE EXPECTS THAT, ALTHOUGH
LITTLE FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD DEFINING A LIST WILL OCCUR
ON JUNE 6, FRENCH PRESSURE WILL ENSURE THAT A LIST IS

READY FOR HIGH-LEVEL 113 COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION BY THE
MIDDLE OF THE MONTH. HE ADDED THAT THE NEXT PROBLEM WILL
BE WHAT TO DO WITH SUCH A LIST, WITH THE FRENCH ARGU-
ING FOR EARLY TABLING AND MOST OF THE OTHER MEMBER STATES
WANTING TO HOLD IT IN RESERVE. SEVERAL SOURCES TELL US
THAT FRENCH TACTICS SEEM IN PART BASED ON DISSATISFACTION
WITH NEGOTIATING PROGRESS ON NON-TARIFF MEASURES, PARTIC-
ULARLY SELECTIVE SAFEGUARDS. HINTON

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